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At a General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, begun and holden at Boston on the first Wednesday, being the fourth day of January, in the year two thousand and seventeen, and the two hundred and forty-first of the independence of the United States of America, and the one hundred and ninetieth General Court of the Commonwealth, the following named members-elect of the Senate, having been duly summoned by the Executive, assembled at four minutes past eleven o'clock A.M., in the Senate Chamber, to wit:-

- Hon. Adam G. Hinds of Pittsfield..... in the *Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District*
- Hon. James E. Timilty of Walpole..... in the *Bristol and Norfolk District*.
- Hon. Michael J. Rodrigues of Westport..... in the *First Bristol and Plymouth District*.
- Hon. Mark C. Montigny of New Bedford..... in the *Second Bristol and Plymouth District*.
- Hon. Julian Andre Cyr of Truro..... in the *Cape and Islands District*.
- Hon. Kathleen A. O'Connor Ives of Newburyport ... in the *First Essex District*.
- Hon. Joan B. Lovely of Salem..... in the *Second Essex District*.
- Hon. Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester..... in the *First Essex and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Barbara A. L'Italien of Andover..... in the *Second Essex and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. James T. Welch of West Springfield..... in the *Hampden District*.
- Hon. Eric P. Lesser of Longmeadow..... in the *First Hampden and Hampshire District*.
- Hon. Donald F. Humason, Jr., of Westfield..... in the *Second Hampden and Hampshire District*.
- Hon. Stanley C. Rosenberg of Amherst..... in the *Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester District*.
- Hon. Eileen M. Donoghue of Lowell..... in the *First Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Patricia D. Jehlen of Somerville..... in the *Second Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Michael J. Barrett of Lexington..... in the *Third Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Kenneth J. Donnelly of Arlington..... in the *Fourth Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Jason M. Lewis of Winchester..... in the *Fifth Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Cynthia Stone Creem of Newton..... in the *First Middlesex and Norfolk District*.
- Hon. Karen E. Spilka of Ashland..... in the *Second Middlesex and Norfolk District*.
- Hon. Sal N. DiDomenico of Everett..... in the *Middlesex and Suffolk District*.
- Hon. James B. Eldridge of Acton..... in the *Middlesex and Worcester District*.
- Hon. Richard J. Ross of Wrentham..... in the *Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Walter F. Timilty of Milton..... in the *Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth District*.
- Hon. John F. Keenan of Quincy..... in the *Norfolk and Plymouth District*.
- Hon. Michael F. Rush of Boston..... in the *Suffolk and Norfolk District*.
- Hon. Viriato M. deMacedo of Plymouth..... in the *Plymouth and Barnstable District*.
- Hon. Marc R. Pacheco of Taunton..... in the *First Plymouth and Bristol District*.
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- Hon. William N. Brownsberger of Belmont..... in the *Second Suffolk and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Harriette L. Chandler of Worcester..... in the *First Worcester District*.
- Hon. Michael O. Moore of Millbury..... in the *Second Worcester District*.
- Hon. Anne M. Gobi of Spencer..... in the *Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Jennifer L. Flanagan of Leominster..... in the *Worcester and Middlesex District*.
- Hon. Ryan C. Fattman of Webster..... in the *Worcester and Norfolk District*.

**And were called to order by the Honorable Marc R. Pacheco.**

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At the request of Senator-elect Pacheco, the Senators-elect, guests and employees then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

The following prayer was offered Imam Abdul-Malik Merchant  
In the Name of God, most Gracious, Most Merciful  
As we gather here today, let us begin by remembering the words of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. when he said:

Prayer.

"Human progress is neither automatic nor inevitable."  
And a "look at history reveals that progress can only be achieved through continuous struggle."

These remarkable words remind us today, that we cannot and will not take the progress we've made here in the Commonwealth, under the great leadership of Senate President Rosenberg, for granted. In this New Year, we must redouble our efforts more than ever before, to advance justice and do good work.

As God says in the Noble Quran, [55:61] "The reward of goodness is nothing but goodness."

In that light, let us pray.

O, glorious God, God of Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Mohammad, and all the prophets before them (peace be and blessings be upon them), we ask you to guide our Senators, as they tirelessly work to advance all that is good, and help tackle our societies most pressing issues.

Whether it's reducing violence, reforming our criminal justice system, improving education, or fighting bigotry, only through your blessings Almighty God, can we achieve true success.

Almighty God, we ask that you protect our elected leaders, provide them with the guidance, strength, empathy, and humility we all seek to achieve.

Dear God, please help us reaffirm our commitment to humanity, and reinvigorate our resolve to ensure that every person in our great Commonwealth, regardless of their race, religion, gender, or ethnicity has the opportunity to succeed and achieve their dreams.

Almighty God, protect us from apathy and complacency. Enlighten us with your infinite mercy and love.

And, based on the values we share, please allow us build bridges of love rather than walls of division.

Amen.

**On motion of Mr. Eldridge, the above prayer was ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

The National Anthem was sung by Olivia Tsetsilas.

National Anthem.

*Communication.*

The following communication, together with the returns of votes and schedules referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth and placed on file, to wit:

Return of votes for Senators.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02133

January 4, 2017.

*To the Honorable Senate:*

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the eighth day of November, 2016 for Senators in the General Court in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very Truly Yours,  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. Creem,--

*Ordered,* That a special committee of the Senate to be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Senators in the several districts.

Canvass votes for  
Senators.

Senators McGee of Essex, Gobi of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex and Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Mr. McGee, for the said special committee, reported that the following named persons had been duly elected, to wit:

- Hon. Adam G. Hinds of Pittsfield ..... in the *Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden District*
- Hon. James E. Timilty of Walpole ..... in the *Bristol and Norfolk District.*
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.....*and Middlesex District*.
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**The report was read, and the report was considered forthwith and accepted.**

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Ms. O'Connor Ives ,--

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed by the Chair to wait upon His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, Her Honor Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth, the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers and inform them that a quorum of the Senators-elect have assembled and are ready to be qualified.

Governor, et al,--  
inform that quorum  
is present in Senate.

Senators-elect Spilka of Middlesex and Norfolk, Montigny of Bristol and Plymouth, Donnelly of Middlesex, Jehlen of Middlesex, Donoghue of Middlesex and Humason of Hampden and Hampshire were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Ms. Spilka, for the said committee, reported that the committee had waited upon His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, the Honorable Council, and the Constitutional officers and had conveyed to them the message of the Senate; and that the Governor had asked him to say that he would be pleased to attend forthwith upon the Honorable Senate, with the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers, to administer the oaths of office. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

Soon after, His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, members of the Honorable Council, Maura Healey, Attorney General of the Commonwealth, Deborah Goldberg, Treasurer and Receiver-General and Suzanne M. Bump, State Auditor, came in; and the Senators-elect then took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify them for the discharge of their duties as Senators at nineteen minutes before twelve o'clock noon.

Qualifications of  
Senators.

The Governor briefly addressed the Senate.

His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, the Honorable Council and the Constitutional officers then withdrew from the Chamber.

*Order Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Welch,--

*Ordered,* That, pursuant to the provisions of Senate Rule 4A, the Senate shall proceed forthwith to the election of a President.

Election of a  
President.

Ms. Chandler placed in nomination for President, Mr. Rosenberg of Franklin, Hampshire and Worcester, and Ms. Chandler briefly addressed the Senate.

*Nomination Speech for Stanley C. Rosenberg to be Elected Senate President  
By Senator Harriette L. Chandler.*

I rise to place in nomination as President of the Senate the name of the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg, the distinguished Senator from Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester.

Statement of Senator  
Harriette L.  
Chandler.

Actions speak louder than promises or words, as Mr. Rosenberg, a member of the Senate for 25 years, has proven.

Each member of the 2015-2016 legislative session has had the distinct privilege of serving with him and observing the value of his decentralized organizational style and his vision of shared leadership, shared responsibility, and transparency.

He has brought to us a freshness and excitement with his approach that has made even veteran Senators feel a renewed sense of purpose and pride in their individual accomplishments and that of the Chamber as a whole.

Under his leadership, Mr. Rosenberg has fortified a culture of equality in the Senate, among all members, regardless of party affiliation or years of experience.

In this Chamber, we have always been proud of the fact that we literally view each other eye to eye, as our chairs are historically measured and altered to cultivate a physical environment of equality. We tell this to our visitors as a dominant feature of this Chamber.

Two years ago, Mr. Rosenberg became President of this body and showed us that equality is not just a physical element here but is truly a unifying element as well.

He has been changing the very culture of the Senate to one where everyone feels welcomed and enabled to work hard to pursue their hopes and dreams for the betterment of their Districts and the Commonwealth.

The respect for each member shows in the things that we have accomplished together as one Senate body. If it takes a village to educate a child, it takes 40 Senators to make good legislation.

That does not mean that we are without challenges, setbacks, or political conundrums.

However, we are tenacious in the spirit of shared leadership. We are all responsible for persevering through difficulties as well as triumphs, both as distinct individuals representing different districts and ideas, and also collectively working together as colleagues.

In this field of public service, we get to hear from our constituents about issues that they care about and set a legislative agenda in response to their concerns.

Ours is a unique type of job and there are many ways to do it. But this past legislative session, we have seen a new spirit of vitality and involvement, as well as many areas of growth under Mr. Rosenberg.

Under his model of shared leadership, we have increased the number of Assistant Majority Leaders, programmed our work load so we know what is happening in advance, developed new special Senate Committees on topics such as housing, marijuana, health care cost containment, and opioid addiction prevention.

We have developed a good working relationship based on shared interests with the Canadian province of Quebec and have initiated working trips to gather research on policy matters relevant to Massachusetts.

We have also seen internal Senate initiatives in the form of professional development seminars to teach and equip members and staff with knowledge and

skills necessary to keep up with the constant flow of technology.

In this day and age, social media that was once reserved for personal use has made its way into our work place and created its own niche for communicating with our constituents.

Mr. Rosenberg has embraced this cultural phenomenon as an opportunity for government to become more accessible and responsive to the very people we serve. At his initiative, we have hosted popular Twitter Town Halls, posted more interviews and Q&A's on Reddit and Periscope, trended locally on Twitter during the 2015 and 2016 Senate Budget weeks, and encouraged to share our day-to-day activities with our constituents.

These efforts have truly begun to change the way that government interacts with members of the public, as well as media, organizations, student groups, and government agencies. And we have seen promising results that are sure to set a positive tone for this next Senate chapter.

And lest I forget, Mr. Rosenberg has been a powerful advocate for a pay raise for Legislators, the first to be realized in eight years, including two pay cuts during that period.

Mr. Rosenberg has truly been a positive agent of change for this body and we eagerly anticipate where his creativity and dynamic leadership will take the Senate in this, the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Great and General Court.

It is, therefore, my distinct privilege to nominate the gentleman from Amherst, Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg, the first senator from the western part of the Commonwealth since 1970, to be re-elected as the president of this historic body.

The nomination of Senator Rosenberg for President was seconded by Mr. Wolf, who also briefly addressed the Senate.

*Seconding Speech for Stanley C. Rosenberg to be Elected Senate President  
By Senator Michael J. Rodrigues.*

Through you to the members, and through my colleagues to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I rise to second the nomination of Stanley C. Rosenberg to serve as the President of the Senate of the Commonwealth

Statement of Senator  
Michael J. Rodrigues.

I am humbled and honored to do so. Through my time serving with Stan, and having worked closely with, and beside him these last six years, I have admired his tireless work ethic, his great respect for the body, and his faith in us, the members.

I have also admired his pursuit to make state government more accessible, effective, responsive, and ultimately, reflective of our common values.

In fact, two years ago at this exact time, the Senate adopted an order to conduct a series of regional public forums and visits to hear, and understand the concerns and priorities of the people of this Commonwealth.

Underscoring Stan's strong belief that government should engage the people in all communities, we traveled hundreds of miles from the Berkshires to Cape Cod, and everywhere in between on a little tour called "Commonwealth Conversations".

Hailing from all walks of life and all corners, the people's desire to participate helped drive the process just as Stan had envisioned.

Benefitting from their level of public engagement, and thanks to Stan's pragmatic and principled leadership, we endorsed a constitutional amendment to make sure those who earn the most pay their fair share, and, for the first time in almost 20 years, we rewarded hardworking families doing their best to get ahead by increasing the state's earned income tax credit.

As a result, our commitment to the people, and our response to what we heard was clear.

Rooted in fairness, Stan's desire for measurable progress – to reverse the trends of income inequality and foster enduring economic security – is representative of his values and ours as a collaborative, lawmaking body.

After all, we strive to carry forward the voices and innovative ideas of the people with the goal of confronting the tough issues and embracing the current challenges in front of us.

For example, with emerging innovators - like Uber and AirBnb - disrupting our economic landscape, Stan recognizes and understands that the Senate will need to take every opportunity to challenge old ways of thinking and ensure our laws and policies reflect modern times.

As someone who listens intently when we speak, Stan understands nothing will be accomplished without compromise and collaboration to achieve what is possible.

He does so by listening, engaging, and encouraging us, the members, to speak up and offer our opinions.

Stan understands that a legislative process driven by healthy debate and a respect for differing points of view produces the most effective outcomes.

This is the style of leadership Stan has and will continue to bring to this body because it embodies who he is.

Whether it's working to advance economic opportunity, or recognizing how vital inclusiveness is to our state's business climate, Stan has, and will continue to do what is in the best interests of our Commonwealth and its people.

Therefore, it is my privilege and great honor to second the nomination of the gentleman from Amherst Senator Stanley C. Rosenberg, to be reelected president of this historic body.

Mr. deMacedo placed in nomination for President, of Mr. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex.

Mr. deMacedo briefly addressed the Senate.

*Nomination Speech for Bruce E. Tarr to be Elected Senate President  
By Senator Viriato M. deMacedo.*

Thank you Mr. President and through you to my colleagues.

It is quite the honor to be back here, re-elected as a member of the 190<sup>th</sup> session of the Massachusetts State Senate

I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to welcome all of my colleagues back, and to extend a special welcome to our 3 newest members of the Senate.

Senator Timilty, Senator Cyr, and Senator Hinds, welcome.

As we do every new session, we now need to decide as a body upon an individual that will lead us as we address the many challenging issues that face the Senate and the Commonwealth.

Standing here today, it is my belief that the individual best suited to do this is someone who personifies the color purple.

As you all know, we have strived in this legislative body to embrace bipartisanship and have the red and blue working together.

This effort has led us to embrace the color purple as our standard.

I dare say that no one in this body has done that better than the Senator from

Statement of Senator  
Viriato M.  
deMacedo.

the First Essex and Middlesex district.

Therefore, it is my privilege to nominate Senator Bruce E. Tarr of Gloucester for President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Senator Tarr has been a passionate advocate for the taxpayers of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Just as he has relentlessly advocated for the people in his district.

There is not a time when I have stepped into this building in my 18 years of legislative service that Senator Tarr has not been in this building, tirelessly working on behalf of all of us.

Senator Tarr's legislative accomplishments are vast.

We all know of his involvement in the energy bill.

We know of his work on the economic development bill that we passed in the most recent legislative session.

In fact there are very few pieces of legislation that have gone through this Chamber that do not have the mark of Senator Tarr on them.

Chief among his legislative accomplishments is the effort that Senator Tarr spearheaded to address the many challenges we have faced in regards to the MBTA.

Not only did he file the legislation,

He worked in a bipartisan fashion with the gentleman from Lynn to craft a bill that respected the many employees of our transportation system, while providing a voice to concerned taxpayers and frustrated riders.

Balancing these needs, he gave authority to the T's administrators to put together a financial control board that has yielded millions of dollars in savings.

And those savings are being poured back into this transportation system so that we will never be in a situation like the one we faced two years ago when our public transportation system collapsed.

For all these efforts, and countless others, we owe Senator Tarr a great deal of respect and thanks.

However, his talents and accomplishments are not limited to his legislative prowess.

Senator Tarr is one of the most gifted orators this Chamber has ever seen.

I know I am not the only one here who has found themselves mesmerized by the persuasive arguments issuing from Minority Crescent deep into the warm summer nights.

I think we can all agree that Senator Tarr is no stranger to late nights spent hard at work either in his office or in this Chamber.

His commitment is extraordinary and so I ask you to do something extraordinary as well.

As we prepare for the difficult decisions that lay before us over these next two years, it is my hope that the members of this Senate will support the gentleman from Gloucester to lead this institution as our next Senate President.

One of the many things I have always admired about this body is your support and advocacy for the underdog.

When I joined you last session, I was proud to become a part of that esteemed tradition.

Now is your opportunity to provide a victory for the ultimate underdog.

So again I ask you to please join me in surprising every political onlooker in the Commonwealth by supporting Senator Bruce E. Tarr as Senate President.

I know that there is no one in this building that will be disappointed in that decision if we make it today.

Thank you.

The nomination of Senator Tarr for President was seconded by Mr. Fattman, who also briefly addressed the Senate.

*Seconding Speech for Bruce E. Tarr to be Elected Senate President  
By Senator Ryan C. Fattman.*

Thank you Mr. President and first let me begin by wishing you, the members of this body, and especially those in the gallery – our family and friends who have helped bring us to this very moment today - Happy New Year!

Statement of Senator  
Ryan C. Fattman.

My name is Ryan Fattman – I represent & serve 14 towns in the Heart of Massachusetts: Worcester County. It is said jokingly that today, we are sworn in so that we may be sworn at, and called a whole bunch of different names over the next two years.

You can imagine for me, growing up with the last name Fatt-Man, I've been called a whole host of things in my life. But for many of us, the greatest names we are called are shared:

Husband, Wife, Mother, Father, Son, Daughter, partner, friend.

For all of us – earning the title of Senator is another great honor, which carries great responsibility, a responsibility that requires us to give all that we have to others.

Winston Churchill said that what one gets is how you make a living, and what one gives is how they make a life.

Senator Bruce Tarr has made a life giving to other and serving others selflessly, whether it be the members of his caucus, this body, or the people he represents back home, which is why it's my honor to second the nomination of Senator Bruce E. Tarr as President of the Massachusetts State Senate.

It's especially an honor for me as a Millennial.

Now some of you may not know that earlier today, Senator Lesser and I inducted the gentleman from Gloucester into the Millennial Caucus as an honorary member. Just two days ago, Senator Tarr turned 30 years old for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time, and I would like to take a moment to wish him a belated happy birthday.

As in any election, fact and fiction characterize the campaign, and this race for President of the Massachusetts Senate is no different.

While it is rumored that both our candidates single handily keep the purple tie industry afloat in Massachusetts. It is true about both our candidates that public service is not just what they do – it is who they are.

And who is Bruce Tarr? – I've learned over the last two years not only through his eloquent words spoken on this floor, but in his actions behind the scenes. His great knowledge on legislative issues is met equally by his character; for he possesses one of the great qualifications for this position: he cares about people.

Ask Bruce about almost anything – especially the fishing industry – he will recite general laws, chapter and verse, and facts and figures. Our Governor once described him as a savant when it comes to public policy.

But more impressive than this was watching him at one of our caucus's last year recall emotionally the names of Fisherman who left port in Gloucester, never to return home.

He knew their names – not just some of them – all of them. He knew their families; he lived their experiences and helped them persevere and begin again

anew.

In that spirit of new beginnings and the New Year with the start of a new legislative session in this historic 190<sup>th</sup> assembling of the Massachusetts General Court, it would be a disservice not to reflect upon challenges our Commonwealth will face.

Issues such as addressing an economy where we need to reconcile old and new industries alike, making our neighborhoods safe for our citizens, and making progress against a growing opiate and drug epidemic.

Creating a Commonwealth of the people, by the people and for the people, never above the people is our call and Senator Tarr answers that call.

The sea-faring man from Gloucester, Bruce Tarr possesses the attributes necessary to lead this great body through the sometimes rough waters of which he is all too familiar with meeting in his seacoast town.

For decades, he has righted the ship of leadership from the House of Representatives to the Senate. A fixture in the State House, Mr. Tarr holds knowledge of this institution few could rival, and less could hope to keep.

In a current political climate filled with divisiveness and uncertainty, Mr. Tarr has only displayed empathy, understanding, bipartisanship and courtesy during his tenure here

The famed Fred McFeely Rogers, who for many years spoke so eloquently of compassion and kindness to others once said:

*“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”*

I know of no better helper here than that of the gentleman from Gloucester.

**On motion of Ms. Flanagan, the nominations were closed.**

The roll was called at seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, and the following named members voted for Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester:

Barrett, Michael J.	Keenan, John F.
Boncore, Joseph A.	Lesser, Eric P.
Brady, Michael D.	Lewis, Jason M
Brownsberger, William N.	L’Italien, Barbara
Chandler, Harriette L.	Lovely, Joan B.
Chang-Diaz, Sonia	McGee, Thomas M.
Creem, Cynthia Stone	Montigny, Mark C.
Cyr, Julian	Moore, Michael O.
DiDomenico, Sal N.	O’Connor Ives, Kathleen
Donnelly, Kenneth J.	Pacheco, Marc R.
Donoghue, Eileen M.	Rodrigues, Michael J.
Eldridge, James B.	Rosenberg, Stanley C.
Flanagan, Jennifer L.	Rush, Michael F.
Forry, Linda Dorcena	Spilka, Karen E.
Gobi, Anne M.	Timilty, James E.
Hinds, Adam G.	Timilty, Walter F.
Jehlen, Patricia D.	Welch, James T. ---34

The following named members voted for Bruce E. Tarr of Essex and

Middlesex:

deMacedo, Viriato M.	O'Connor Patrick M.
Fattman, Ryan C.	Ross, Richard J.
Humason, Donald F., Jr.	Tarr, Bruce E. --- 6

The Chair announced the results of the votes as follows:

Whole number of votes .....	40
Necessary for a choice.....	21
Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester had.....	34
Bruce E. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex had .....	6

**The roll call having been completed at eleven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, Mr. Rosenberg was declared elected as President of the Senate.**

Mr. Tarr moved that it be the sense of the Senate that the vote for Stanley C. Rosenberg for President should be made unanimous and that this expression of opinion be made a part of the records of the Senate.

Sense of the Senate.

There being no objection, this motion was entertained; and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Rosenberg was escorted to the Chair by Senators Forry of Suffolk and DiDomenico of Middlesex and Suffolk.

The President then addressed the Senate as follows:

Thank you very much. And a very warm welcome to all the new and returning members of the Massachusetts State Senate.

Remarks of Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg.

Making your way to this Chamber and back again is no small achievement. You have worked hard to earn the trust of the voters and your achievement is celebrated here. We enthusiastically welcome you to this historic chamber today.

And I want to take a moment to thank all my constituents and friends who sent me first to the Senate 25 years ago and who have continued to support me for these many years. Without them, I would never have gotten to this rostrum today. And, a special shout out to my husband Bryon for his unwavering support and to those from my district who have joined me here today.

Two years ago almost to the day, I stood before you, the members of the Senate, filled with gratitude for the trust you put in me.

Today, I have no less gratitude than I had on that first day. Thank you for giving me the chance to lead this body over the last 2 years and in the new term we begin today.

On that day, we set on a course to remake our common experience as members of the Senate – to institute what we called shared leadership.

As I said then, the hallmarks of all modern, effective, and innovative organizations are collaboration, collegiality, and openness. People working together, and sharing their talents and insights to craft the best possible results.

We also pledged to remake our relationship with the people of Massachusetts, to bring residents into the building and to bring the building to them, in part through our series of Commonwealth Conversations led by Senator Rodrigues. Today, we will pass a resolution to begin those talks anew, meeting nine days in communities across the state in the coming months.

Our new era of shared leadership has yielded shared success. The agreement we reached a few weeks ago with Speaker DeLeo and the House to maintain the standing joint committees while making them work more effectively and with

greater transparency is yet another step in that process. I applaud Speaker DeLeo's partnership on this and so many other issues.

The Legislature is a venerable institution, steeped in history and deliberative in nature. Today, our chambers need to maintain their greatest qualities while becoming more nimble, moving more quickly without compromising quality.

New York Times columnist Tom Friedman has a new best seller called "Thank You for Being Late," a title meant to underscore the conundrum of living in a world in which change is rapid and unrelenting.

Consider this simple example we face here in Massachusetts. One of our achievements last year was to pass legislation regulating the new ride-sharing industry. Go back just five years ago to an era when there were no Ubers, no Lyfts, no ride sharing of any kind. Instead, we have had a regulated taxi industry for generations.

Then, in a blink of an eye, the taxi industry – and its regulatory framework – was upended. Suddenly, new competition created by technologists on the other side of the continent caused massive disruption here – across the world, to the marketplace and to the law. In fact, for the better part of these past five or six years, these companies operated with no real rules at all.

Suddenly, we as a legislature had to act quickly and decisively – not incrementally. We had to regulate the new ride-sharing industry almost overnight. We did our homework, listened to stakeholders, debated the issues and put a law on the books last year.

It would be nice now to rest on our laurels, to confidently move on from this to other matters.

Except for this: In as few as five years from now, autonomous vehicles will again turn our world upside down. Not only will the Ubers and Lyfts of the world be offering rides to Americans in driverless cars, but the rest of us will also have the chance to replace our fossil fueled, gas taxed vehicles with all-electric vehicles. All electric autonomous vehicles will present us with a new set of public finance, legal, liability, and safety challenges. Once again, we will need to move quickly and deftly to handle this new disruption. So the rate of changes in demand response transportation went from generations to a handful of years not once but twice in a decade.

And this is but one small example. Climate change, energy, and education – the issues are coming at us at a fast and furious rate.

In a sense, we in Massachusetts are among the lucky ones. To a great degree, we count rapid change and globalization among our friends. For the highly educated especially, these forces create enormous opportunities in IT, life sciences, health care and many other fields.

At the same time, these forces push down wages for some or simply displace others, as the cashier gives way to the automated checkout and the bank teller gives way to the mobile app.

As has been well documented this year, these forces are exacerbating the tensions we identified two years ago as central to our debates: the gnawing disparity in incomes in our state and nation; the difficulties faced by those whose wages are not rising; the frustrations endured by those who don't have a job but want one; the pain of working at a minimum wage job that fails to pay the bills.

And it is not just the poor or near poor. It's the middle class family whose income and home value have never fully recovered from the Great Recession, who struggle mightily just to send their children to college.

These problems in Massachusetts are chiefly national, and are shared across

the country and require solutions from the national government, but there is still much for us to do here in the Senate especially if they fail to act.

We need again to take up a family leave act to allow people to care for their families without losing the wages they need to put food on the table. And we need to continue the movement forward to make the minimum wage a livable wage.

Ultimately, though, these are short-term fixes. Our real challenge is to equip each of our residents with the skills needed to prosper in this globalized economy.

And we need to start with a truly modern approach to fiscal policy.

We are nearly 20 years into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and we have a budget that is built on a foundation laid decades ago, when Massachusetts began its campaign to shed the Taxachusetts label. Virtually every credible national study says the level of taxation in Massachusetts now puts us in the middle of the pack nationally. Mission accomplished.

Yet even today, some believe we can continue to cut our way to success. I do not. I believe we need to invest our way to success. And in 2018, the people of the Commonwealth can make a bold move in that direction by passing the Fair Share Tax. The resulting extra tax contribution from our wealthiest residents, earmarked for education and transportation, will help fund these necessary, critical pillars for a robust knowledge-driven economy.

This is an important step the voters can take to help to create a 21<sup>st</sup> century tax system and budget to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges.

But we should begin that work this year – by looking for new revenues where we can find them, whether by taxing new services, like Airbnb, which actually believes it should be taxed, or by closing loopholes that were created years ago and serve no purpose today.

It's also been 20 years since we created a multi-year plan and commitment for public education funding. Similarly, we don't have a 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation plan to carry us into the future. We need both.

The Senate with the help of the Barr Foundation will help craft a multi-year 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation vision as part of our Commonwealth Conversations tour starting this month. Also Senator DiDomenico will soon release the Kids First Plan, a vision for raising resilient children who become productive adults.

Today, there are almost 26,000 kids on the waitlist for early childhood education services. The need is most acute in our urban and rural areas, where the numbers of kids getting pre-k schooling pales in comparison to the suburbs. You may have heard me say it before but I will say it again: If a child is reading at grade level when he or she reaches the 4<sup>th</sup> grade, then his or her chances for long-term educational success skyrocket. That's our challenge and our responsibility.

The Speaker has also already spoken eloquently on the contribution early childhood education can make to reach this goal. And the Senate is poised to do its part. The Kids First initiative will include a bold blueprint that rests on making sure infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers get the opportunities they need to succeed in later grades.

By putting these kids on the road to success early, we can finally close the lingering achievement gap we all decry. And as they grow, we can put this generation on a path to being part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy, not left behind like so many before them.

Needless to say, our job does not end in grammar school or even high school. We need to redouble our efforts to lower tuition rates and fees at our state's colleges and universities by increasing state appropriations to help reduce student debt.

Right now, there are thousands of good paying jobs going unfilled in the life sciences, in clean energy, in information technology and in advanced manufacturing. Even for those who make it through the thicket of our current education system, their skills are often mismatched for this economy. If our state wants to remain one of the world's true knowledge economy leaders, we need to find ways to give these people the skills they need to fill those jobs.

Our knowledge infrastructure is critical to our success. But the past few years have also underscored how important our physical infrastructure is to our success.

Barely a day goes by that we do not read of another company locating inside our state's urban core, along the Seaport or in Kendall, at North Station or downtown. General Electric, Converse, Reebok – what do they all seek? Young, educated workers. And where do they seek to locate? Near public transportation.

And yet as those young workers settle down, have families and inevitably migrate out of the city, what will they face? The same problems we face north, south, and west of Boston. Deteriorating roads and bridges. Congested highways. Infrastructure investments on hold, and little or no commuter rail opportunities. We need a bold 21<sup>st</sup> Century transportation plan sensitive to our changing world and our need to lead in reducing our carbon footprint.

And speaking of our carbon footprint, Massachusetts must continue to be a bold and innovative leader in addressing climate change. Progress in all other areas of public interest is rendered moot if we do not successfully tame the carbon beast that threatens humankind. The energy sources we choose, the seriousness with which we pursue energy efficiency, the level of commitment demonstrated to developing and implementing resiliency and adaptation plans and the willingness to make the tough decisions around controversial but potentially effective strategies like carbon pricing will all determine what future generations say about our leadership. We must lead on this critical issue or fail ourselves and generations yet to come.

Recently, the governor sounded the alarm early on budget shortfalls and made cuts. To be sure, we have to be fiscally responsible to guard against deficits and work to build a rainy day fund ready for future recessions. But cutting is not our best strategy. And if we do need to trim expenses, we need to do so not by slicing programs but by finding real reforms that yield real savings.

Right now, for instance, we spend more than \$1.3 billion to run correctional facilities – more than we spend on all of higher education.

And what has all this locking up people done for us, besides put an enormous strain on our budget? Very little. Right now, about two-thirds of those who leave our prisons return to the system within five years. And yet, in the neighborhoods most riddled with crime, the streets remain frighteningly unsafe.

We've been tough on crime; now we need to get *smart* on crime. We need to scale up successful diversion and restorative justice programs, end mandatory minimums for non-violent drug offenses, address the needs of those who otherwise languish in our jails suffering from mental illness and substance abuse. We should reform our bail and probation systems and shift away from a focus on long sentences and toward helping offenders re-enter society successfully so they never go back to prison again. And, let's implement the recommendations of Senator Barrett's Post Audit Committee report eliminating the practice of jailing probationers who cannot pay court ordered, statutorily required fees and fines. Fine time, as it's called, is an echo of the long abandoned concept of debtors' prison. We are ahead of some states and the savings may not be as much as elsewhere but we can still reap significant fiscal and human benefits. We've talked about it long

enough-- this is the term we need to pass meaningful criminal justice reform.

Allow me now to shift gears a bit.

As the year begins, my hope is that the country can find a way to strike a more civil tone, to put an end to partisanship for its own sake, an end to pitting one against another. The America we cherish is one that embraces its differences and its similarities at the same time.

Here in Massachusetts, we do have our disagreements but we truly work together. In the Senate, we listen to our Republican colleagues – not steamroll them. At the leadership level, we meet together every week – Democratic legislative leaders and a Republican Governor – to talk, listen, respond and ultimately forge a way forward on many matters.

This last election has not been an example of our political system at its best. It has been a cautionary tale though about the consequences of inaction on some of the most pressing concerns Americans face. We cannot afford for the country to slip into even deeper gridlock or for us in Massachusetts to be tempted to do so ourselves. Their eyes of the voters are upon us.

In this new term, let's once again meet our challenges with openness, civility, common purpose – and with boldness and a sense of urgency. If we don't take this approach, we will fulfill Friedman's notion: we will indeed be too late to the party, unable to meet the challenges of a century tumultuous in nature but filled with promise as well. Through our commitment to shared leadership and shared responsibility, our state has its best chance to enjoy shared prosperity and true equality from one end of the Commonwealth to the other.

Now with the campaigns and speeches behind us, let's move into the new term boldly and with passion and purpose. Our constituents await our leadership!

Mr. Tarr asked unanimous consent to make a statement; and, there being no objection, he addressed the Senate as follows:

Thank you Mr. President, good afternoon and welcome to all who join us on this day for the remarkable beginning of a new legislative session. One that we approach with hope and the promise and the enthusiasm that comes with our love for public service and our faithfulness to the traditions of this body. Mr. President, I want to thank you and congratulate you, my friend on your reelection because you have given us a gift for which we all owe you a debt of gratitude for the culture of this Senate that has taken a tradition that has been so rich and so recognized for so long and elevated it to new heights. That leadership could not have come at a better time in the political culture of this country.

Mr. President, I would be remiss if I didn't congratulate you on your wonderful, stunning, purple tie. It is great to see that consistency back on the rostrum. your purple tie. I do think that the color of that tie symbolize something very significant and important for all of us. I want to welcome our three new Senators here to this Chamber, Senator Hinds, Senator Cyr and Senator Timilty. It's wonderful to welcome back an old and dear friend, Senator Ken Donnelly, how wonderful to see you.

I also want to say thanks to say a particular word of thanks to Olivia Tsetsilas, who sang our National Anthem here today. I first meet Olivia in the way that so many of us often meet our constituents and friends. She came and sang for my annual toy drive to help children in need all across the North Shore, and she impressed us so much with her voice and her belief in helping others. I want to thank you for your wonderful gift to us today.

Remarks of Senate  
Minority Leader  
Bruce E. Tarr.

Thank you to the gentleman from Plymouth for your kind and supportive words of nomination. You have, and continue to be, a steady and principled hand in the Senate, and one that contributes every day to navigating a sound and sustainable economic course for our state.

And thanks also to the gentleman from Webster whose passion for effective and efficient government provides a critically important perspective for all of us to consider.

Since your arrival in this chamber you have grown in knowledge and skill, all while not losing the insight of a millennial that the rest of us may find curious at times, but need to understand and appreciate.

Thank you to both of you and to all of you for your friendship.

Today, we are seated together for the solemn purpose of building a brighter and more prosperous future for our Commonwealth, and we all have important roles to play in that effort.

Yes, it's true that I did aspire for a while today to a different role than the one yielded by the election that took place. I have even been holding out for a surprise victory in the Electoral College, but alas, it does not appear possible.

And yet, every role in the Senate is important, and particularly in the Senate of 'shared leadership' that you have worked to create Mr. President. That is certainly important to every member of this body, but perhaps even more so to those of us here in the minority.

Socrates said, "To move the world we must move ourselves."

And that advice holds true for every one of us here today - - President, Leader, Chairman, Vice Chairman, and as you know, the list goes on and on and on.

I cherish the role of Minority Leader, and am humbled and honored by the trust that has been placed in me by my colleagues in the minority party. I thank each of them for the honor they have once again bestowed on me today. I thank the voters of the First Essex and Middlesex District for their faith in me in returning me to be able to serve with you in this body. They are a constant source of ideas, of inspiration, and of motivation and I thank them for that.

Mr. President, Massachusetts has been at the forefront since our earliest days- the first public park in America – the Boston Common, it was created in 1634 - and it is now a shared resource that has been used for enjoyment, protest, public expressions for justice and celebrations. We fomented the spirit and the fight for American Independence from Boston, Lexington, Concord and every corner of the Commonwealth, we propelled the Industrial Revolution from the banks of the Charles and the Merrimack, we held steadfast to the notion that this nation must heal the wounds of slavery and motivated millions to make it so, we invented sports that are national pastimes, our colleges and hospitals are second to none, the intelligence and skill of our workforce is admired across the nation.

And, the marvels and wonders of the Ways and Means Mystery Closet are the envy of legislators in state houses from shore to shore.

Today, we are called upon to lead in other important ways. Beginning this 190<sup>th</sup> Session without recognizing its context would be a serious mistake. We must understand and acknowledge that currently in our nation far too much emphasis is found in divisiveness and conflict. We can follow the all too frequently occurring factionalism of other states – an evolving condition readily observed in Washington, or, we can galvanize the forces that we have at hand – our understanding that as a Commonwealth we will always persevere we will always excel when we work together.

Thus, I will reiterate three basic commitments made by our caucus:

- 1 To never miss an opportunity to find common ground,
- 2 To bring principled and reasoned arguments to the floor, as the framers of our government intended,
- 3 And, when we disagree, to do so respectfully and not with the goal of obstructionism.

Together in this Chamber, through your inclusive leadership, in the last session we provided the results that are making a difference for the people of Massachusetts:

An MBTA Fiscal Management and Control Board that is capturing savings and improving performance.

A sweeping energy bill that will build cost-effective alternatives into our energy portfolio, protecting the environment and promoting regional collaboration and independence.

- Measures to combat the epidemic of opioid addiction with such tools as better communication between doctors and patients when it comes to prescribing opioids.

- A comprehensive package of benefits to provide our veterans with the best support options in the nation.

We have been honored to contribute to these efforts.

And, there have been notable examples of when we have disagreed in a healthy and productive debate, such as the one we had on charter schools and improving K through 12 public education. I think we just didn't get you the bill summary in time – really our bill was a good bill.

Now, it's time to move ahead and we stand ready. In these unique times in our nation we want to create opportunities for our colleagues to work with us in what I trust is a shared quest for a responsive and responsible government.

Six is just a number Mr. President, and so is 34. The real power in this chamber is that of ideas, and we will come forth with many of them in this legislative session.

We will passionately pursue discipline in our budgeting – so we don't live beyond our means, and we will advocate for educational opportunities that inspire young minds and provide needed tools that can nourish and sustain a growing economy. We will work with you to grow the economy stronger, as a means to support our spending priorities and as an alternative to increasing tax burdens on household budgets and those who create jobs. We must continue to forge ahead to continue to lead the nation with innovative, responsible and cost-effective energy policies. And, because our society grows more complex with each new technological breakthrough we must ensure that we protect our citizens from hindrances, hate and harm. We have been given a legacy by the leaders that preceded us of striking out against hatred and intolerance, now it is our time to defend, fortify, and carry forward that legacy in these uncertain times.

The start of the 190<sup>th</sup> General Court is also a time to reflect on our chamber itself, and to contemplate the renovation project that will soon begin – we are hoping for a much larger Minority Innovation Chamber.

The chamber has changed some in its service to the Senate, indeed until 1958 the Republicans were the dominate party here. Then, as now our 16<sup>th</sup> President's bust has been here accompanying us in Minority Crescent. His presence is such a

constant that on lonely days we often think of him as our 7<sup>th</sup> member. In that spirit, we draw from his remarkable wit and wisdom when he said-

**I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live by the light that I have.**

**I must stand with anybody that stands right, and stand with him while he is right, and part with him when he goes wrong.**

So, please remember, when we shine our light by asking a probative question, advancing an idea you may not agree with, or engaging in robust debate – we do so not to cast a shadow on your light, but to make brighter the collective beacon that we share and offer to the world.

From all of us here in Minority Crescent – Senator Ross, Senator Humason, Senator deMacedo, Senator Fattman, Senator O’Connor and me – Happy New Year and may we lead by example for all.

**On motion of Mr. Boncore, all the above addresses were ordered printed in the Journal of the Senate.**

Ordered printed.

*Election of Clerk.*

Mr. Fattman moved that the Senate proceed to the election of a Clerk and that the President cast one ballot for William F. Welch of Milford as Clerk of the Senate; and this motion prevailed.

Clerk election.

Accordingly, after remarks, the ballot was cast and Mr. Welch was declared elected, and was then qualified by taking the oaths and affirmation as prescribed by the Constitution and also the following oath, which was administered by the President:

“Whereas, you WILLIAM F. WELCH, are chosen Clerk of the Senate of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you do swear that you will truly enter all the votes and orders thereof, and in all things relating to your office that you will act faithfully and impartially accordingly to your best skill and judgement. So help you, God.”

*Swearing in of Senate Counsel.*

The President announced that she has appointed Jennifer L. Miller of Ipswich as Senate Counsel. Ms. Miller was escorted to the Rostrum by Mr. Tarr of Essex and Middlesex where she took and subscribed the oaths of office required by the Constitution and a law of the United States to qualify her for the discharge of her duties as Senate Counsel.

Senate Counsel appointment.

*Orders Adopted.*

On motion of Mr. Lesser,--

*Ordered,* That a committee be appointed to notify His Excellency the Governor, Charles D. Baker, Her Honor Karyn E. Polito, Lieutenant-Governor of the Commonwealth and the Honorable Council of the organization of the Senate; and that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester had been elected President of the Senate, and William F. Welch of Milford had been elected Clerk of the Senate.

Governor,--  
organization of the  
Senate.

Senators Creem of Middlesex and Norfolk, Lovely of Essex, Hinds of Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden, James E. Timilty of Bristol and Norfolk and O’Connor of Plymouth and Norfolk were appointed the committee.

Subsequently, Ms. Creem, for the committee reported that the committee had performed the duties assigned to it. The report was accepted and the committee

was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Moore,--

*Ordered,* That the Senate Rules of the last session be observed as the temporary Senate Rules for the present General Court.

Temporary  
Senate Rules.

On motion of Mr. Rodrigues,--

*Ordered,* That members of the Senate shall conduct a series of regional public forums and visits to hear and understand the concerns and priorities of the people of the Commonwealth. The forums and visits shall guide the Senate in setting its priorities to support strong and healthy families, vibrant and sustainable communities and a transparent, efficient and effective state government (Senate, No. 6)

Regional public  
forums.

**After remarks, the order was adopted.**

On motion of Mr. Montigny,--

*Ordered,* That the joint rules of the 188th General Court (2013-2014) be observed as the temporary joint rules of the two branches for the present General Court until the adoption of permanent joint rules or March 1, 2017, whichever comes first.

Temporary  
Joint Rules.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

On motion of Mr. Keenan,--

*Ordered,* that a committee be appointed to inform the House of Representatives of the organization of the Senate; and that the Honorable Stanley C. Rosenberg of Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester has been elected President of the Senate; and William F. Welch of Milford has been elected Clerk of the Senate.

House of  
Representatives,--  
organization of the  
Senate.

Senators Brownsberger of Suffolk and Middlesex, Lewis of Middlesex, Chang-Diaz of Suffolk, L'Italien of Essex and Middlesex and deMacedo of Plymouth and Barnstable were appointed the committee on the part of the Senate.

Subsequently, Ms. Chang-Diaz, for the said committee reported that the committee had performed the duties assigned to it. The report was accepted and the committee was discharged.

On motion of Mr. Pacheco,--

*Ordered,* That the Clerk begin the daily printing of the Journal of the Senate, as authorized by Senate Rule 6, and that the daily reading thereof be dispensed with; that, under authority of Section 22A of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, copies of the Journals of the entire session be printed and bound with the customary appendices and an index; and that a certified copy thereof be deposited with the Secretary of the Commonwealth as the official bound Journal of the Senate.

Daily printing of  
the Journal.

On motion of Mr. McGee,--

*Ordered,* That a joint temporary committee on Transportation to consist of members of the Senate and the House of Representatives be appointed until such time as permanent joint rules are adopted.

Joint temporary  
committee on  
Transportation.

Senators McGee of Essex, Keenan of Norfolk and Plymouth, Donoghue of

Middlesex, Forry of Suffolk, Lesser of Hampden and Hampshire, Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk and Humason of Hampden and Hampshire were appointed the committee.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

On motion of Ms. Brownsberger,--

*Ordered,* That a special committee of the Senate to consist of two members of the Senate be appointed for the purpose of arranging the seats of the members of the Senate.

Senate,-- seating arrangements.

Senators Rush of Norfolk and Suffolk and Ross of Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex were appointed the committee.

On motion of Mr. Brady,--

*Ordered,* That a convention of the two Houses be held at a quarter before twelve o'clock noon on Thursday, January 5, for the purpose of administering the oaths of office to the several Councillors-elect.

Joint convention of the two branches.

**Sent to the House for concurrence.**

Notice was received from the House of Representatives by a committee thereof, of the organization of that branch, the House having chosen Robert A. DeLeo of Winthrop as Speaker and Steven T. James of Swampscott as Clerk.

On motion of Mr. Boncore,--

*Ordered,* That when the Senate adjourns today, it adjourn to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Time of meeting.

Mr. Pacheco in the Chair, notice was received from the House of Representatives by a committee thereof, of the organization of that branch, the House having chosen Robert A. DeLeo of Boston as Speaker, Bradley Jones of North Reading as Minority Leader and Steven T. James of Winthrop as Clerk.

Organization of the House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. Brownsberger, at nineteen minutes before two o'clock P.M., the Senate adjourned to meet again tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.